



VIOLETTE ASSOCIATION

Dear Cousin,

Very little time has passed since our last newsletter. However, I find it quite important that you receive some of the news before the reunion. By now I am sure you have all received your notice on the reunion. How many of you have already mailed in your reply?? Please do not wait until the last minute to do so. I'm sure you all agree that the plans for this year's gathering sound very exciting. The idea of a memorial to Francois Violette is just great. Your donations, no matter how small, will be greatly appreciated. In fact, a small donation from all our members would be more than adequate. Of course, to those of you who care to make a larger donation, we will certainly accept it.

Have any of you people from northern Maine wondered why you received all the information on the motels? In sending bulk mail - 3rd class - it is necessary that all envelopes weigh exactly the same. We were aware that you did not need this information but it was necessary to send it along. At this time I would like to remind all of you, when moving, please send your new address. 3rd class mail is never forwarded nor returned. It is up to you to keep us informed.

The main reason for this newsletter is to pass on some very sad news. Father Chanel Violette #6 will not be with us in August. He passed away in Cambridge, Ma. on Feb. 1, 1981 after having suffered a massive heart attack the night before. Father Violette was very much aware that this was the end for him. He had a very beautiful death and his last words were "I am ready". The Officers of the Violette Association along with several other members attended his wake and his funeral. His funeral mass was extraordinary with approximately 65 priests celebrating the Mass. Needless to say, the Association did send a Spiritual Bouquet. And, since Father Violette was known and so deeply loved by all, we did also send flowers. Father Violette will certainly be missed by all of us. The reunion will not be same without him. However, I am sure he will be with us in spirit and wants us to have the best reunion ever. Our deepest sympathy to his family and to his many nieces and nephews, members of our Association. At this time I would like to thank those members who sent donations to the Association in Father Violette's memory.

Over the past several months we have also lost several other members so our organization will deeply miss. In December, we lost Adrian Violette #480 of Wethersfield, Ct. Our sincere sympathy to his wife, Yvonne Martin Violette #481. In March, it was my very dear Aunt, Marie Violette Vaillancourt #34 of Touraine, Quebec, who passed away. Our

sympathy to her daughter, Pauline Vaillancourt Desrochers #152 of Touraine, her son, Guy Vaillancourt #154 of Tucson, Arizona, and to her two brothers, Ludger Violette #109 of Altamonte Springs, Florida, and to my Dad, Joseph Violette #4 of Lawrence, Ma. And on May 15th, the Lord took Robert Hill #93 of South Portland, Maine. To his wife, Dorothy Violette Hill #92, to his daughters, Lorraine Hill Robinson #95, Marcia Hill #94 and to all his other children, we do share your sorrow. Our condolences also to Jeanne Pahl Violette #304 of Fridley, Minnesota, on the death of her husband, Clarence Violette #303. Clarence passed away on April 11, 1981 in Fridley. Please remember all these members in your prayers.

Our best wishes to Dianne Violette #172 of Errol, N.H. on the occasion of her marriage to Vincent Dellolio, Jr. Our family also continues to grow. Donald Violette #431 and Carol Paquette Violette #432 of Montreal are proud to announce to us the birth of their son, Benoit. The proud grandparents are Lorne Violette #375 and Jeannine Roy Violette #376 of Laval, Quebec. Also proud to announce the birth of twin grandsons, are Ernest Violette #199 and Joan Hollett Violette of Vernon Ct. Their son Craig and daughter in-law of Kentucky are the happy parents.

Gary Violette #620 of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, is more than happy to be still amongst us. Last January 18th, Gary was burned out of his apartment at 3:00 A.M. Screams of others and pounding on his window finally woke him and he was able to jump from a window. Naturally, Gary lost everything he owned but thank God that he was spared.

There is good news for you descendants of Louis Violette and Eliz.ournier. Yes, we have finally tied this branch into Francois. Much of the credit goes to Rita Chamberlain Gilbert #423 of Winslow, Maine, who did most of the footwork. We will have this line for all of you at the reunion.

Should any of you care to purchase bumper stickers before the reunion, just write to me at 32 Louise Ave., Methuen, Ma. 01844. The cost is \$1.00 plus .18 postage. Three stickers can go for .18.

See you all in Van Buren!

"We Are One"

Rita Violette Lippa

NEW MEMBERS

- #675 Clinton J. Violette, 9133 Fermi Ave. San Diego, California
- 676 Mary Ellen Foy Violette, 9133 Fermi Ave., San Diego, California
- 677 Corinne Violette Martin, 4 Spruce Ave., Van Buren, Maine
- 678 Emile Martin, 4 Spruce Ave., Van Buren, Maine
- 679 Richard Violette, 24 Wardwell Rd., W. Hartford, Connecticut
- 680 Helen Orzech Violette, 24 Wardwell Rd., W. Hartford, Ct.
- 681 Marie Rose Martin, 4 Spruce Ave., Van Buren, Maine
- 682 Joseph L. Cyr, 160 Santa Maria Dr., Waterbury, Connecticut
- 683 Jeannette Deschenes Cyr, 160 Santa Maria Dr., Waterbury, Ct.
- 684 Margaret Violette Bedat, Rt. Autumn Way 2, Norwich, Connecticut
- 685 Frank E. Bedat, Rt. Autumn Way 2, Norwich, Connecticut
- 686 Hope Violette Marshall, 1936 Dorothea, Berkley, Michigan
- 687 Robert Marshall, 1936 Dorothea, Berkley, Michigan
- 688 Joan Lagassey Virgulak, 41 Stony Brook Rd. Norwalk, Connecticut
- 689 Louis Virgulak, 41 Stony Brook Rd., Norwalk, Ct.
- 690 Esther Violette Morrow, 4106 Olive St., Tampa, Florida
- 691 William Morrow, 4106 Olive St., Tampa, Florida